

PROPAGATION

Lawyer Nursery has three modern greenhouses operating at our Olympia, Washington nursery. Our greenhouse production in Olympia began in 2002. The space has grown to 10,000 square feet of heated greenhouse and 8,000 square feet of modern shade structure. Production this year will exceed 900,000 plugs spread over more than 40 species. Our greenhouses are equipped with lights for photoperiod control, roll up side curtains for ventilation and traveling booms for precision irrigation, fertilization and nutrient supplementation.

Our greenhouse facilities are an important addition to Lawyer Nursery's production. Our hard working staff plan to expand these operations as our customers experience the merits of plug-grown plants and plug transplants. Please let us know of crops or sizes are need. Providing stock for the changing trends in the industry remains both a challenge and an opportunity.



Modern greenhouse range.



Thinning over-seeded plug cells.



Philadelphus lewisii.

Rooted cuttings allow us to produce true-to-name varieties of shrubs and trees that are in demand in our industry. At Lawyer Nursery we propagate new varieties with desirable qualities including cold hardiness, form and color, disease/insect resistance, fruitfulness and market demand.

Our rooted cutting program continues to expand. In-house production allows us to adjust quantities and scheduling for these crops. Most of our cuttings originate in our own stock or production blocks. New approaches to production have led to improvements in plant quality and selection. For example, summer transplanting of freshly rooted Potentilla cuttings gives plants extra time in the nursery for increased branch development and root growth before winter. The rooted cuttings are then grown on for an additional growing season to make the RC-1 grades a more "finished" plant.



Prepping fresh cuttings for the propagation bed.



Rooting cutting beds in a propagation house.